ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಅವರು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಈ ರೀತಿ ದರವನ್ನು ಏರಿಸ ಬಹುದೆಂಬುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರೋ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅದಕ್ಕೂ ನಮಗೂ ಯಾವ ಸಂಬಂಧವೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅದೆಲ್ಲ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿರತಕ್ಕ ವಿಷಯ.

Sri G. VEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—Are the Government aware that the Government of India were collecting income-tax from persons in the State prior to integration?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I came to know that there was an attempt like that.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Even now they are pursuing the matter and asking for the accounts and all that.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have met the Hon'ble Deputy Minister and he gave an assurance to the entire mercantile people here that he would not reopen generally all the cases.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Has there been an order to that effect apart from the assurance he gave when he came here?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member knows even more than the assurance that the Hon'ble Deputy Minister gave.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Apart from the assurance, has there been a Government Order?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I do not know.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Will the Government see that an order is passed to that effect?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I shall certainly pursue the matter and ascertain whether there has been an order to that effect.

Arrangements for furnishing any information required by Members of Legislature.

Q.—144. **Sri L. SIDDAPPA** (Shimoga District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Union Government have made arrangements for furnishing any information required by members of Parliament and that the Hon'ble the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs has been charged with the duty of attending to requests by members for information from Government;

(*b*) whether this Government also intend making similar arrangements here also?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour)—

(*a*) The arrangements made by the Central Government for furnishing information required by members of Parliament are as follows:—

(1) In all matters of a routine character the members of Parliament are required to address their letters to the *Secretary* of the Ministry irrespective of the fact whether the information required is in relation to the Ministry itself or an attached or subordinate office thereto. In no case should letters be addressed to any other officer in the Ministry either by designation or by name.

(2) If a matter is important and the member feels that it should receive consideration at a higher level a member may address the letter direct to the Minister or the Deputy Minister, if one is attached to the Ministry.

(3) In case a Member wants to ascertain facts about cases of fraud, corruption, bribery, maladministration, nepotism, etc., in administration which might have come to his notice, such matters should normally be referred to the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs who acts as a 'normal channel' between the Government and the Members of Parliament in this respect. There is no objection to a communication on such a matter being addressed to the Minister concerned direct but a copy thereof is required to be forwarded to the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

(*b*) Will be considered.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Will the Government issue instructions to the Secretaries that any information asked for by the members of the House may be promptly furnished?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—They are bound to furnish such information as the Hon'ble Members ask for, provided such information could be given and there is no further need to issue any circular to them.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Because in my experience, in four out of about half a dozen cases, no doubt I have received replies, but with regard to two cases, no information has been furnished, nor have they given me any reason as to why that information cannot be furnished.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Probably, no information could be furnished in those two instances. We will have to enquire. If the Hon'ble Member will let me know about the details of those two instances, I shall enquire.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—In one case I wanted information regarding the amount provided for the construction of primary buildings in various districts. That information was not furnished. I do not know why exactly it was not furnished.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Probably information was being collected and could not be furnished all at once. I will find out.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Now I have got that information, because in answer to a certain interpellation which I tabled before this House, that has been furnished to me. The letter requesting that information may be given early was sent to the Secretary concerned about six months ago and no information was furnished up till now.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Probably within the six months, all the figures have been collected and the answer has been given.

Statistics about persons having no means of livelihood.

Q.—199. **Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Shimoga District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have collected statistics about persons who have no ostensible means of livelihood ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the number of such persons is very large in the State ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that such persons are a menace to the State and Society ?

A.— **The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Is it your contention that there are no persons at all who have no ostensible means of livelihood ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—That is not my contention.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—May I know whether that information was collected in the last census ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Very likely it has been collected. I have no idea.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Have the Government no information regarding the number of persons who have no ostensible means of livelihood ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—That is what I have said.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Crimes of theft, manufacture of illicit liquor and committing dacoity are all these offences due to these persons having no ostensible means of livelihood and having no desire to work ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—How can I say that ? There may be a thief who has got property but still continues to commit theft.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Kolar District—General).—Is it an offence to have no ostensible means of livelihood?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Certainly not.

Alleged sale of liquor in Prohibited Areas.

Q.—41. **Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA** (Hassan District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that arrack, foreign liquor, *ganja* and opium are being sold surreptitiously in Districts where prohibition is in force;